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FEBRUARY

MRS. ARROWSMITH'S TU/TH 2 KINDIES

THEME'S: LOVE, FAMILY, FRIENDS

Welcome to February! This is going to be a very quick month! It seems that time is going faster and faster for us in kindergarten! This month, we will be focussing on families and friends. We will also be participating in our friendship tea and will be attending a Seussical performance!

We are sending out a few home projects for you to help us with. First there is a questionnaire sheet for you to work on with your child. Secondly, there is a "quilt" piece we need you to do so we can make a classroom family quilt. Attached you will find a coloured construction piece of paper. On it, we need a few family pictures, a title (_____'s family) and a few labels showing who people are. This can be decorated as much or as little as you would like. I am attaching a sample to give ideas. Please have your family name highly visible; for example "The Arrowsmith Family". We need these by Feb. 14th.

We are looking forward to meeting our new friends from the other kindergarten classes for our **Friendship Tea** on Tuesday, Feb. 14th. Kindies can dress in red or pink or fancy clothes if they would like. Please send the snack for your child's "new friend" with them in a **decorated box or bag (like a Valentine small gift bag)** in the morning. You will be getting the new friends snack sheet by the end of this week. Your child will also receive their snack during this tea, as they sit together and get to know one another a little. Help your child think of questions they can ask their new friend such as "What do you like to play at home?" "Do you have any brothers or sisters?", etc. If you have any questions, please ask.

Last call for T-shirt orders is Feb. 7th. I have not sent them in yet, so if you are interested, please let me know and we will send an order form.

Reading and Writing:

We are making super gains with letter and sound recognition, and now we are getting ready to segment sounds into words. This "looks" like "s-u-n". We

are also sounding out words in journals both at home and at school. Encourage your child to write the sounds they hear (and accept what they write, even if it is not quite right!). This is a

time of taking risks and trying. Thanks for all you are doing for your child in this area. And . . . keep reviewing letters and sounds!

Alberta Winter Games!

We are so fortunate to be hosting the Alberta winter games here in our community this year. I have been visiting the website, www.2012awg.ca and can't help but feel that we need to celebrate what is happening in our city! Here is an excerpt from the home page:

The 2012 Alberta Winter Games are coming to Stony Plain, Spruce Grove and Parkland County February 9-12, 2012. The 2012 Alberta Winter Games celebrate the achievements of youth in sport and culture. More than 2,800 athletes, coaches, officials, and performers will participate in the Games, competing in a variety of sports in and around the tri municipal region. These Games provide the opportunity for many of Canada's future elite athletes to enjoy their first taste of competition at a provincial level.

MINI KINDIE WINTER GAMES:

To get us excited about the Alberta Winter Games, we are going to host our own Mini Kindie Winter Games! It will take place on Tuesday, February 7th in the afternoon from 12:30-2:00. The Mini Kindie Winter Games will have several events both in the school and outside (weather permitting of course), where our children will get to try a "sample event". If any parents are able to join us, it would be much more fun to have your assistance in leading us through the events. We will have events such as Floor Hockey, Mini Curling, Mini Badminton, Mini Volleyball, Mini Pretend Figure Skating (without skates) and much more. It will be a fun afternoon. If you are able (and willing) to join us, please let us know! Thanks in advance!



Valentine's Day

Tuesday, February 14th: We will celebrate Valentine's day with our Friendship Tea in the morning, and Valentine's crafts for the other parts of the day. We need extra hands to help us with our Valentine Jobs if you are able to join us for the whole day, or just part. We will be exchanging Valentine's and sharing in a snack together in the afternoon. Yellow circles are bringing snack this month: Avery: Veggies and Dip; Brooke: Crackers and Cheese; Nathan: Nut free baking; Ewan: Juice, plates, napkins & cups (juice boxes also fine). Here is a list of our friends to help you in filling out Valentine cards. Please encourage your child to do as much of the printing on their own as they can (start early, a little each day). Printing their friend's name, as well as their own is excellent fine motor practice! Remember, uppercase for first letter only, (starting good habits early). If you keep the Valentine's separated into colour groups, it makes it easier for your child to deliver them into the correct Valentine holder/mailbox. Thanks!

Blue Group:	Green Group:	Red Group:	Yellow Group:
Casey	Owen	Dezlan	Avery
Kadan	Ella	Cohen	Brooke
Dylan	Ethan	Aurora	Nathan
Madison	Cooper	Ava	Ewan
Kaytlin	Jayde	Belle	
		Mrs. Macdonald/ Mrs. M	Mrs. Arrowsmith/ Mrs. A

REMINDERS:

- Please send a filled water bottle each day
- T-shirt orders are due by Feb. 7th, if you haven't already ordered and would like to.
- February book orders due Feb. 14th.
- Keep having your child practice printing their first and last name with only the first letter being uppercase. Also, help your child to learn home phone numbers and even address.
- No school Feb. 9th or 10th (Teacher's Convention).

Wow! February is busy! We hope you have a great month!

Let me know if you need anything clarified. Take care! N. Arrowsmith